

## session 10: **handout** RELATIONSHIP CONTINUUM

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**Directions:** Think about each of the following types of relationships and decide the following:

- What age do you think someone should be to engage in this type of relationship?
- What characteristics should people look for in a partner when they get into this kind of relationship?

1. First boyfriend/girlfriend – relationship mainly by phone

Appropriate age \_\_\_\_ Characteristics people look for:

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2. Group dating – go out/hang out with a group of friends

Appropriate age \_\_\_\_ Characteristics people look for:

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3. Go out casually with someone – one on one – off and on dating

Appropriate age \_\_\_\_ Characteristics people look for:

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4. Go out with someone seriously – see each other at least weekly

Appropriate age \_\_\_\_ Characteristics people look for:

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5. Make the relationship exclusive – agree not to see anyone else

Appropriate age \_\_\_\_ Characteristics people look for:

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6. Make a commitment – agree that the relationship is permanent

Appropriate age \_\_\_\_ Characteristics people look for:

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7. Get married – enter into a legal contract

Appropriate age \_\_\_\_ Characteristics people look for:

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8. Have a child together

Appropriate age \_\_\_\_ Characteristics people look for:

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